

Text of Soviet Statement Warning Lithuania Against Breaking With Moscow

Following is the text of the Soviet Government's statement yesterday on Lithuania, as provided by the English-language service of the official press agency Tass:

The extraordinary Third Congress of Soviet People's Deputies recognized as invalid the regulatory enactments passed by the Supreme Soviet of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic on the "restoration of an independent Lithuanian state," as well as on the annulment in republican territory of the effect of the Constitution of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Constitution of the U.S.S.R.

Information coming from the republic shows that plans are being urgently elaborated there to change the status of enterprises subordinated to the union authorities, privatize state-owned enterprises, introduce independent currency, create customs services and the like.

In this way, steps are being taken to undermine links between the economy of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic and the country's national economic complex.

Consequences of these actions can be pernicious for the general socio-



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Lithuanian Government in Vilnius was warned against taking over state enterprises.

economic situation in the republic and the situation of the working people and other layers of the population.

Attaching great importance to the stable functioning of the economy of

the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic and first of all of the installations connected with the life-support of the population, the U.S.S.R. Government draws attention to the danger of disrupting the existing links between Lithuanian enterprises and enterprises of other union republics.

Normal economic relations require strict observance of mutual contract obligations to supply all kinds of commodities and to fulfill production programs for 1990.

Soviet Property

The Government of the U.S.S.R. stresses that all installations and projects located in Lithuanian territory and subordinated to the center are property of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics.

Their status, specialization and conditions of activity cannot be changed by unilateral decisions of republican authorities.

In this connection all standing bodies of the U.S.S.R. Council of Ministers, ministries and departments of the U.S.S.R. have been instructed not to enter into any negotiations about the transfer of enterprises and organizations subordinated to

them to the jurisdiction of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic.

Administration of these installations which are part of federal property will be carried out directly by U.S.S.R. ministries.

Attaching special importance to insuring the safety of operating atomic power plants and other vital installations that are part of federal property, the Government has entrusted respective agencies with radically stepping up the protection of the mentioned installations.

The Government of the U.S.S.R. has made it incumbent on the Ministries of Railways, Sea Fleet, Fisheries and Civil Aviation to insure the continuous work of federal transportation and communication lines in the interests of the population of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic, as well as of the Kaliningrad region of the Russian federation, and transit conveyance through the port of Klaipeda.

Disruption of Unity

The U.S.S.R. Central Customs Administration, the U.S.S.R. Interior Ministry and the K.G.B. have been instructed to insure the appropriate customs order on the territory of the

Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic.

The U.S.S.R. Council of Ministers warns that the adoption by republican authorities of decisions capable of disrupting the unity of the country's finance and credit system and foreign economic relations of the U.S.S.R. will be viewed as contravening the effective legislation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the interests of union republics and the union as a whole.

Viewing with understanding problems of Lithuania's political, social, economic, national and cultural development, respecting the desire of its people to renew society and strengthen the republic's sovereignty, the Soviet Government believes that the resolution of these problems is possible only under conditions of the strict observance of laws of the U.S.S.R., taking into account the mutual interests of the peoples of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic and other republics.

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